Public Notice: Revised Categorical Use Attainability Analysis for Recreation (UAA)

After careful consideration of the comments received prior to and during a public hearing on September 16, 2015 in Casper, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division has issued a revised technical analysis (UAA) that identifies low flow channels in Wyoming where primary contact recreation uses such as swimming or similar water contact activities are not existing or attainable uses. The Water Quality Division Administrator has determined that the waters identified in the UAA should be designated for secondary contact recreation. The revised designations will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act.

The revised analysis, the Administrator's determination, and responses to the comments received during the public hearing and written comment period that ended September 16, 2015 can be found, along with recreational designations for Wyoming's surface waters, at the following website: http://deq.wyoming.gov/wqd/surface-water-quality-standards/resources/uaas/.

WDEQ will continue to work with interested stakeholders to modify recreational designated uses on a site-specific basis as appropriate. Members of the public interested in submitting documentation toward changing the designated use of a surface water can use the Recreation Designated Uses Worksheet on DEQ's website at http://deq.wyoming.gov/wqd/surface-water-quality-standards/resources/uaas/. Questions and requests for further information can be directed to Lindsay Patterson at Lindsay.Patterson@wyo.gov or 307-777-7079.